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Why did they come, those pioneers, and why to Fall City?

They were the sons and daughters of families who pioneered the Midwest and were already feeling hemmed in by civilization. They sought greater freedom and independence.

They were the new veterans of a great Civil War, left restless and rootless in its aftermath.

They listed to tales of a virgin land with tall timber, high mountains and lush green valleys.

Philo Rutherford read of such a place in a letter from his Civil War buddy, Si Merritt. He was intrigued by the possibility of valuable ore in those mountains.

Andrew Jackson Bush arrived in Fall City as a child. His family was one of the first to settle in the area. They left their farm near Lake Sammamish for the safety of Seattle after Indians massacred their neighbors. The move was a temporary one. It was here young Jack watched a sailing ship come in to harbor with sails at half mast bringing news of President Lincoln's assassination.

In Fall City young Jack met the father of the Snoqualmie Valley, Jerry Borst. He visited with Chief Sanawha in his lodge across the river and traveled to Tolt where he met James Entwistle, the founder of Carnation (modern name for Tolt).

By 1869 Jim Taylor (uncle of W. H. Taylor) was working with the Boham brothers establishing a trading post at Fall City.

Friend to all was William P. Perrigo, a native of Maine born in 1844. Mr. Perrigo was still a young man when he came to Washington territory. He was the first to cross the Cascade Mountains in a wagon.

His place in Redmond was a haven for emigrant families pushing up the Valley from the West. His little store provided the first opportunity for the early settlers to freight some supplies overland; until then everything was brought to the upper Valley by canoe.

Note: Mrs. Chase Morris of Carnation is a descendant of William Perrigo.

Welcome . . . .

This old-fashioned invitation is extended to you and yours to help Fall City celebrate their three-day Centennial on June 16, 17, 18, 1972.

The history and program of events contained in this issue was made possible by the advertisers and friends who wish to congratulate Fall City on it's 100th Birthday Anniversary.

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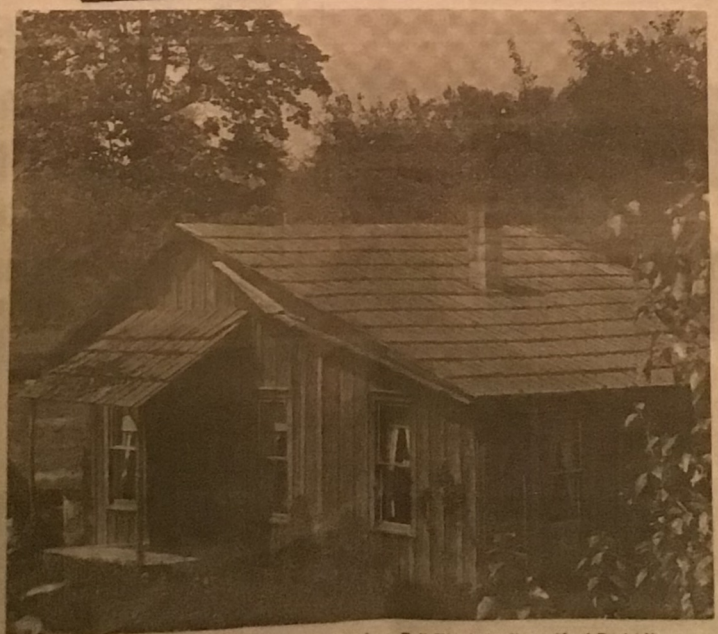


FIRST SCHOOL HOUSE located across the river from Fall City. Later it was 'Aunt Eve's' House.

CHIEF JERRY KANIM

Funeral For Chief Kanim

The largest funeral ever held in the Valley was in March of 1956 for Jerry Kanim, respected chief of the Snoqualmies. His date of birth was never established, but believed to be about 1869.

Jerry counted as his friends early settlers, Jack Bush, Davis Rutherford, Si Merritt, Doc Taylor, David Thomas and Jerry Borst.

The chief is buried in Fall City Cemetery beside the grave of his wife Jane.

THIRD SCHOOL in Lyceum Hall behind present Masonic Hall, built in 1889, used for extra room when White School was built. 1889-70 students and Charles Tilton, teacher.

WHITE SCHOOL HOUSE, 4th and James, built between 1898-1899. Charles Tilton, school master; Mrs. Down replaced him in 1900. Lula Titus was a pupil in 1897.

BRICK SCHOOL HOUSE torn down in 1970.

Five Students Enrolled in '75

The little pioneer schoolhouse was not only the first in the Valley but the first between Renton and Goldendale.

It was built on high ground beside the present location of the Fall City bridge and across from the business district. Lumber for the school came from the Watson Allen mill at Tokul Creek.

Volunteers did all the work including the furnishings. There were the double desks for the students, benches, a desk for teacher and a stand for the water bucket.

Miss Rilla Forgeman assembled her five pupils for class in 1875. For the next ten years, children were ferried across the river in dugout canoes to attend the three-month sessions of school.

John A. Gilkey was probably the first schoolmaster. His class in the middle '70s included Mandy and Howard Thomas.

In 1885, a wooden ferry was built and getting to school became less of a problem. A few years later it was replaced by one of the two wooden bridges that preceded the modern concrete structure.

1934 - The only time Fall City went to state tournament.

Gypsies Too Found A Place Near Fall City

Just upstream a short distance from the old school house was the cabin where Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carbaugh lived. They were ideally situated to meet all the new arrivals since they lived next door to the old campground and could watch the covered wagons roll in.

The gypsies found the spot to their liking too; usually there were seven to ten gaily decorated, horse-drawn wagons and always a cinnamon bear tied to the back end of the last wagon.

The Carbaughs eventually moved out of their small cabin and it was used as a pest house during an epidemic of small pox.

A few years later a man named Lee Murphy moved the little house and built a blacksmith shop on the site.

The Teachers Had To Act As Janitors Also

In the 1870's members of the school board took a very personal interest in Teacher. He (or she) was expected to work hard and moral lapses were not tolerated.

Here is a directive from a school board of the period.

Duties: Fill lamps, clean chimneys and trim wicks. Bring in one bucket of water and fuel for stove.

After school: Read the Bible or other good book. Lay aside a goodly sum from each pay for use in declining years so as not to become a burden to society. Men should have one evening each week for courting purposes, or two evenings if attending church regularly.

Women teachers should be dismissed if they are married or engage in "unseemly conduct".

Any teacher who smokes, uses liquor in any form, frequents pool or public halls or gets shaved in a barbershop will give good reason to suspect his worth, intentions, integrity and honesty.

A teacher who performs his labors faithfully and without fault for five years should be given an increase of 25 cents per week or whatever amount the board approves.

'Brother's' Bible Was Valley Rule

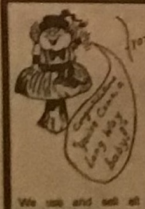
A familiar sight to the pioneers of the era, late eighties to sometime in the nineties, was A. J. McNemee trudging along the road with his Bible under his arm.

He was the traveling Methodist preacher. A shy reserved man, he was highly regarded by those he served.

"Brother" McNemee did have some strong opinions about the ladies' role in church affairs. He disliked the church dinners or any of the projects designed to make money.

Herndon Homestead Is Land Near Fall City

John Edward Herndon, Civil War veteran, homesteaded a large tract of land on the southwest end of Fall City. Many of his decendents still live in the area and a grandson Raymond is the present owner of "Herndon Hill."



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The Rutherford Story; 100 Years Of History

By Maryln H. Everett

As I sit in this next to 100 year old farmhouse writing these lines my desk in the library faces the sloping lawn and old gnarled orchard, and beyond the highway the beautiful green and lazy Snoqualmie River. There is a great sentiment and sense of belonging to this earth forever living here. Sometimes it seems to be the only place in the world to find real peace and tranquility.

Cleo Soister proposed to me one day that I must have a library of history stashed away to contribute to this Centennial tabloid issue of the Valley Record. I was very pleased to be included in the project.

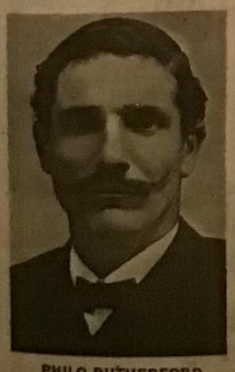
According to a genealogical history of the Rutherford Family, compiled in 1951 by my Aunt Prudence Rutherford Adair and my double cousin (once removed), Roy Augustus Rutherford (1876-1961), I am able to sift some happenings and dates that caused them to seek a new frontier, so far away from Meigs Co., Ohio.

Great-grandfather John Henderson Rutherford, born June 13, 1825, was killed in the Civil War, leaving his wife Prudence (Davis) born Feb. 22, 1824, and eight children: Philo Buckingham, Catherinus Paul, George Davis, Almus L., John Benton, Charles Fremont, Eliza Jane and Julius Homer.

Of this family Philo and Catherinus were also Union soldiers. When the war was over, about the year 1868, Great-grandmother Prudence Rutherford sold her farm in Ohio and gathered up all her family except John Benton and moved by wagon to Kansas. Settled once more to farm, she shortly decided the climate, the dust, and grasshoppers and locusts were too much for her, and the family needed a new start. George Davis and Almus returned to Ohio, where they entered an academy. Philo was intrigued by stories of the West, especially the gold fields of California. He really never reached California, but headed north to the Washington Territory, and arrived in North Bend by way of Snoqualmie Pass about 1872.

He secured some land here and sent for his mother Prudence. Charles Fremont, Eliza Jane and Homer came from Kansas with her in December 1874. Catherinus remained in Kansas to complete his education. They came by the narrow gauge railway to San Francisco and then by schooner to Seattle. Charles became ill on the way to the coast and died at sea on the way to Seattle.

George Davis Rutherford came to Washington Territory from the Academy in Ohio in 1877. He stayed with his mother and family for a short time while he was finding a place to secure his own home. (Finally, now, comes Fall City. At that time all the records seemed to call it "Falls City", . . the city under the falls.)



PHILO RUTHERFORD

Rufus Stearnes made an application for a Homestead in Dec. 1873. He and his family and parents located here in 1872 (my present home). The Sr. Mr. Stearnes died in 1875, and was buried by a maple on the slope back of the house. Rufus Stearnes did not want to stay after that, and so they moved to Seattle.

George Davis took the property over on a lease basis, and in doing so, Mr. Stearnes found out that it voided his Homestead application. My grandfather filed for the Homestead patent on May 3, 1879, and adjoining land in August, 1888. Meantime he wrote to Ohio, to his childhood sweetheart Sarah Elizabeth Hewitt, that he now had a home and please come and be his bride. Like the rest, she came by rail to San Francisco and then by schooner to Seattle. He met her there, and they rode horseback to Olympia to be married, on October 29, 1878.

I remember mother saying it took "two days" from Seattle to get there by horseback! They were said to have taken some sort of a "Sound Steamer" back from Olympia to Everett, where they purchased a dug-out canoe and came by river, the Snohomish to Monroe and then the Snoqualmie to the homestead site at Fall City. The worldly possessions "Sade" (her nick name, and she hated it) had with her were in a "camel back" trunk, balanced in the middle of the canoe.

While Davis was finishing the house, they stayed at North Bend for a couple of months. They moved to the new home by sled drawn by two oxen. Coming to the "Falls" hill it was so steep, Davis tied a log to the rear of the sled to keep it from end over ending on the oxen. "Sade" jumped off scared to the limit, but they managed to get down without a mishap.

After they were settled Davis secured a right to the farm land which he held for his mother and for his brothers still in Ohio. The Almus Rutherford place was most recently known as the Bergsma Dairy and the "JBR" place was located on the slough. The slough is called Rutherford Slough on the map today.

In 1880, Davis and his brother Homer were returning from a supply trip to Snohomish. At the mouth of Raging River, the dug-out canoe overturned and Homer was drowned. The records say there was a quick thaw of four feet of snow and they were caught in the terrible cross current.

Eva Hanson Rutherford and Olive Hunt.

Davis engaged in general farming and raised pigs, cattle and sheep. The wild animals such at bear and cougars and wild cats came right down from the hills and frequently helped themselves. Once my little Irish grandmother chased a bear with one of the prize hogs deep into the woods hoping it would drop it. "She" cougars killed the ewes within a few feet of the back door, and they did not mutilate the carcass, so my grandmother salvaged the wool to spin for bedding and stockings.

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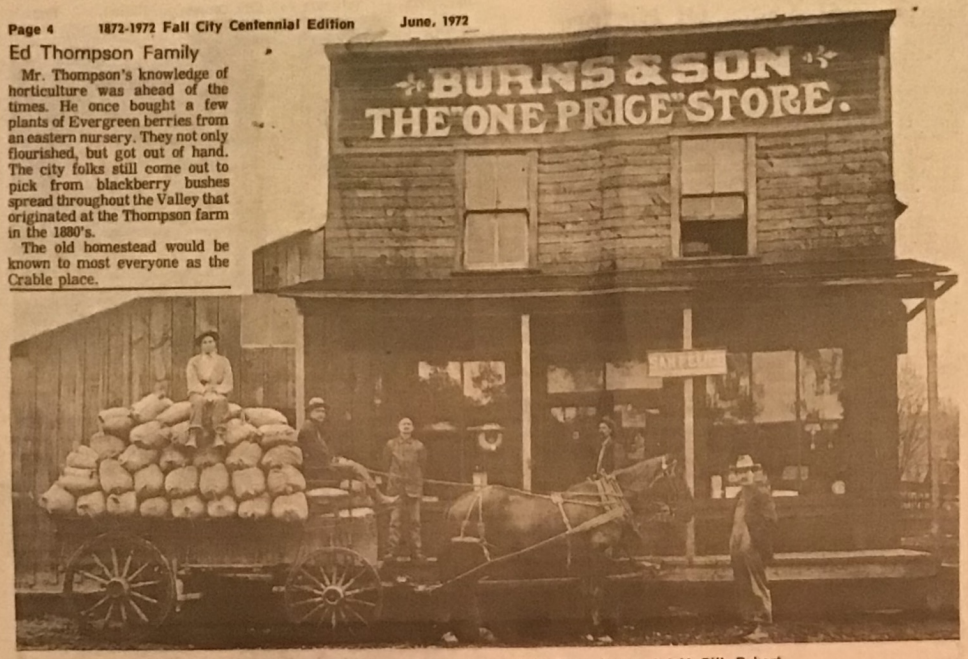
Ed Thompson Family

Mr. Thompson's knowledge of horticulture was ahead of the times. He once bought a few plants of Evergreen berries from an eastern nursery. They not only flourished, but got out of hand. The city folks still come out to pick from blackberry bushes spread throughout the Valley that originated at the Thompson farm in the 1880's.

The old homestead would be known to most everyone as the Crable place.



BURNS & SON - "The One Price Store", left to right, Perry Burns, Art McGill, Robert Burns, Rogers and Andrew Hanson.

Burns And Son Store Big Help To Early Settlers And Indians

One of the first stores in Fall City was called the Snoqualmie Valley Cooperative Association.

Robert Burns loaned some of the local farmers money to facilitate the buying of feed and grain. As the needs of the community grew, groceries and clothing were added to the stock until it became a general store. At this point Mr. Burns bought the business and re-named it Burns and Son, The One Price Store.

The store was located on the site of an old brick yard, an enterprise that turned out to be a failure and had a very brief career.

Several Indians traded at the One Price Store. One, whose name was George Davis, admired a hat. He came in several times to look at it. Mr. Burns tried to talk him out of the purchase. "It's too small for you, George," he said. The Indian insisted no other hat would do and finally bought it. A few days later he brought it back. "Make my head sick," he said.

Note: Perry Burns, who still lives in Fall City, is the "Son" referred to as his father's business partner. McClymont's Hardware occupies that location today.

Stephensons Arrive In Fall City

Bill Stephenson, his parents, George and Bertha King Stephenson, together with another pioneer family arrived in Fall City in 1884.

They left their homes in Kansas via cattle train. Transportation costs were paid with the labor of feeding, loading and unloading the four-footed passengers.

The cattle were sold in San Francisco and the two families bought passage on the steamer, "Queen of the Pacific," to Seattle. A minor collision with a whale on the way prompted Bill to remark, "Scared that band of prairie sailors almost back to Kansas."

The most difficult part of the journey was from Seattle to Fall City. It was also expensive. The cost of traveling from the waterfront to Leshi Park was $20. The mud on the wagon trail so deep the men frequently removed shoes and sometimes trousers to carry the women and children to a dry place, then they would have to wade back through the mud to help the team.

At Leshi they chartered a steamer for Houghton to Redmond and hired a one-horse, two-wheel cart to take them to the Perrigo farm. They rowed the length of Squak Lake, (now Lake Sammamish) to arrive at the Bush farm. Here the women and children stayed while the men hiked to Fall City.

At the Baxter place the men arranged with the father of Orin Baxter to drive a horse and wagon to the Squak Valley and bring the women and children to their new home. Their first day in the Valley as a family was September 19, 1884.

They homesteaded land that is now a part of the Koba farm.

Mail Carried To Town By Horse-Drawn Hack

Simon Bailey picked up the mail at the Northern Pacific Depot and carried it to town aboard his team drawn hack.

Bells on the horses' harness announced "Mail call" as he drove into the village. He was totally dependable, never late and hence acquired the nick name, "Time."

He was a good neighbor and friend, and once when mill owner Andrew McCann became dangerously ill, it was Time Bailey and his team that got him to a Seattle hospital.

Doc Cheney did not have the facilities at hand to deal with such a serious illness. Andrew McCann recovered and enjoyed more than ninety years of living.

Not A Doctor, But He Tried To Help During Epidemic

There were many new graves in the cemetery in the late 80's as a result of the terrible diphtheria plague.

The only available doctor did his best. Sometime later it was discovered that the young man was not a "doctor" in fact, but had appropriated his dead brother's medical certificate.

JESS AND EMERSON NEIGHBOR, in front of their Grocery and Hardware Store. Also housed the Post Office. Building originally was first saloon in Fall City.

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Flood On Snoqualmie Terrifies Pioneer Family

Editor West:

Dear Sir,

I enjoy reading your "West," especially the letters of true facts of the West.

My father with wife and three children came to Puget Sound, landing in Seattle in 1872. A few weeks later we moved up the Snoqualmie River about two and one-half miles below Snoqualmie Falls on a homestead, the second white family to settle here.

The first thing was to slash a spot in thick woods for a house, next to fall a cedar tree, cut in proper lengths and split the shakes to build a house.

We moved in without a window, door or floor. We children were sure the Indians and cougars would slip in after us.

As we are west of the cow country our only "thrills" was watching the high waters.

In Dec. '73 Father had to make a trip to Seattle 40 miles away. He expected it to take several days.

The first day it began raining and by evening the river was rising. By bedtime it was rising fast.

Our house stood on the second bench from river and it had never been over it since we came, so were not worried. During the night we were awakened with the terrific roaring of rushing waters and bumping and snapping of trees and logs.

Before daylight Mother called us to breakfast, telling us that as soon as it was light enough to see, if it was possible to go to the barn, we would. She reasoned the house being so light, it might float away. The barn built with the posts driven into the ground would be safe. So Mother and I took pails of food on left arm and, grasping poles with right hand to test the depth of water with, we started, she in the lead.

A low place in front of the barn was so deep we had to go round, which brought us to corner of approach to threshing floor that covered that end of the barn.

A stack of hay was in the other end with a space between, on which was some loose hay and a box floating. A ladder from the floor took us up on the hay. Then we saw the cow shed the whole length of the barn was afloat with puncheon floor.

The opposite end from door a wild steer was tied to manger; all we could see of him was nose and tip of horns. The dog was barking furiously, the steer began pawing and struggling and soon had some of the boards under him.

Then we made two more trips for food and dry clothing, not knowing how long we might have to stay. By the last trip the water was so high, it was hard to keep our footing in places.

Then we took my sister and brother Howard being carried on his mother's shoulders and feet dragging in the water. Elma always being afraid of water was placed in the middle, instructed to walk close to Mother. When she seen we were going around the low place she thought to reach the barn quicker by going to front. A couple of steps and out of sight she went. When she started to scream Mother called to me to put out my pole when she came up and for her to grasp it and she was pulled back to us. As soon as we reached the floor Mother started up the ladder with Howard expecting Elma to follow. It was slow for her shivering so she run and jumped on the box. Again she went out of sight and screaming. Mother called to grab her when she came up. One shoulder was under the edge of the floor when I saw her white face in the muddy water.

Caught hold of her other shoulder and could barely hold her until Mother reached us as there was a strong current. Hurried to get dry clothes and a good rub. In a short time we found the water was not rising any more.

About an hour after, we saw a boat coming up the river very slowly as it had to be drawn up by pulling on the brush. When they reached the house they saw us waving, at the barn. In it was two white men and two old Indians.

When they were told of the wild steer, they took their long poles and pushed the shed door open. Then pushed the puncheon's to one side. Then started down to untie the steer, one old Indian started to follow and stepped on a floating plank and down he went with the board floating over him. The other old one rushed his way, and our calls brought the other men back and they soon had him out on the floor.

As the water seemed to be falling we were taken back to the house, as Mother thought we might be able to feed the stock that night if it fell enough. She was right, and we went out in the mud and pulled turnips and fed them before dark.

—Mrs. Hattie A. Thomas Bush

ELVA POLLY, about 1914.

JACK BUSH, Lee Bush, Iva, Elva and Mandy.

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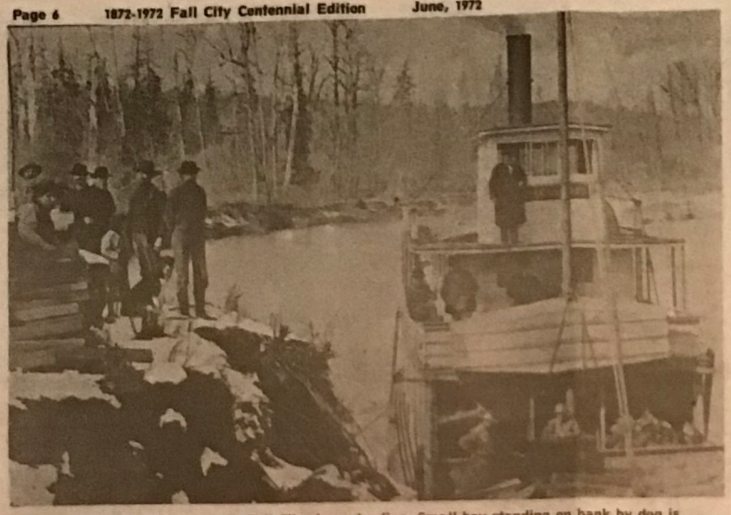

THE CASCADE ties up at Fall City, for unloading. Small boy standing on bank by dog is Albert Moore.

ALKI was the last river boat operating in the area of Fall City.

MAY QUEEN on a sand bar near Fall City.

River Dredging Recalls The Old River Boat Days

A major dredging operation to clear the streambed of snags and stumps brought the first river boat up the Snoqualmie in nearly half a century. The tugboat pulled a barge with a giant gantry crane.

The clean up was expected to aid in flood control and improve stream conditions for sportsmen.

Old timers recalled the paddle-wheelers of yesteryear, "Black Prince," "T. C. Reed" and the "City of Denver".

The largest of these was the City of Denver; she pulled a scow and brought hay to Valley farms. The pilot was Captain George Swift.

"The Reed" made only a few chartered runs and carried a cargo of logging supplies.

There was "The Elk and The Gull" owned by Charley Amos who also built "The Cherry Valley", a boat that met an untimely end and sank at the dock after only a few runs.

The Forbes brothers owned two of the river boats that were frequent callers in the Valley. They were the "Lucerne" and the "Loma". The "Lucerne" was still operating as late as 1917 and carried potatoes. There was "The Alki", owned by Brown and McCall.

"The Nellie" was believed to be the oldest of the river boats. She was owned by J. R. Robbins, Captain Thomas Wright and Benjamin Stretch and was launched at Seattle in 1876.

Of the early river boat captains, Thomas McMillian was perhaps the best known. He began his career by serving as mate for Captain Gove on the "Cascade" and later built a boat of his own called the "Mayme". The "Mayme" and later the "May Queen" carried logging supplies and bales of hops on the return trip.

Captain McMillian and his crew attended the church services that were held every Sunday in the hall above the Taylor store.

Boats frequently tied up at the Hance Moore farm to await favorable river conditions for the journey to Fall City.

There was often bitter rivalry between Captains and they tested the mettle of crew and ships by holding races up and down the river.

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From the Memories Of W. W. Stephenson

"One of my fond memories of early frontier days is of the 'Testimony meetings,' when the brothers and sisters got together and told about their religious experiences.

"Six of us loggers decided to attend a service. Not having anything but our logging clothes, we went that way. Hightopped calked shoes; overalls stagged off at the tops of the shoes; woolen shirts, cut off at the waist band; and hats so rough only a logger would dare call them hats at all.

"Well, we attended the meeting all right, all right, but for some reason our presence seemed to have a dampening effect. Nobody could start the service.

"About the time we loggers were about to give up and go back to camp, one sister, through faith or grit, decided to get started by reading from Exodus II of the death of the first born and the blood over the doors. Then she took as her subject, 'Are you under the Blood?'

"After giving quite a talk and a song, she prayed and she prayed for the loggers. And she sure meant the loggers.

"She told the Lord the bad sides of us as a class. The bottle side, the profane, the vulgar, and all the many other sides too. If the Lord didn't know about loggers before, he sure did when she finally got around to saying, 'A-men.

"Well, we took it in silence but not too easy, and one logger that sat next to me punched me with his elbow and said, 'Let's get up and clean house.'

"I kept him quiet until the meeting was over and we started back to camp. Some of the loggers wanted to fight and it wasn't easy to keep them headed home. But as we got back toward camp, the comical side of the meeting struck us and the farther we walked the funnier it seemed. After a mile or two through the dark woods tempers cooled and we were really laughing.

"From then on a common expression in that camp was 'Lord have mercy on loggers'."

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Furniture Maker is New Mill Owner

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kihn emigrated from Germany in 1882. They traveled to San Francisco and left by steamer for Seattle.

Mr. Kihn was a furniture maker by trade. He and his wife loved music, after settling down on the acreage beside the mill at Tokul Creek they contracted with the Indians to bring their piano up the river. This feat was accomplished by lashing the piano over the tops of two canoes.

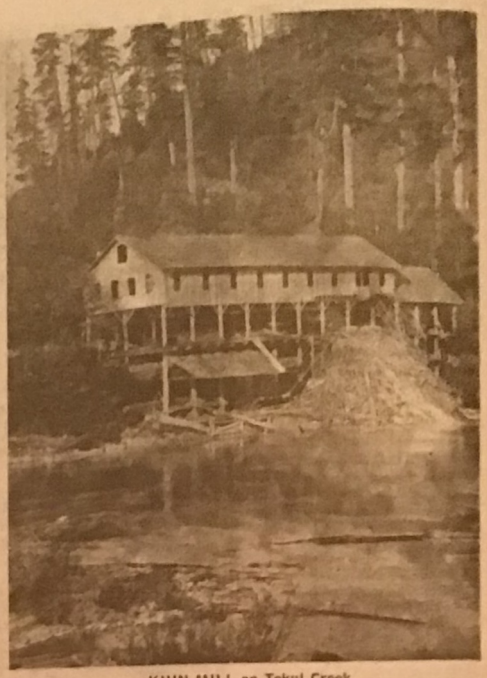
The shingle mill was not much of a success. There were many difficulties. Transportation was always a problem.

Emil Plum, the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Kihn remembers the old timers talking about the "sling and cable," a rig they used to carry bundles of shingles across the river to be loaded on railway cars.

The mill did not prosper so the Kihns turned to farming.

In the earliest years the oxen did the heavy work. One particularly cold winter they ran out of hay to feed the oxen and cows. The river was frozen so solidly, that a team of horses with a wagon load of hay used it as a highway and brought in hay from the Hance Moore farm. Emil Plum still runs some livestock on the old ranch.

"For many years," he told us, "We only shipped out cream," I had to take cans of cream to the depot every morning as did my neighbors, Daniel McKenzie and Hans Nelson."



KIHN MILL on Tokul Creek.

McCANN'S Logging Camp on Lake Marie.

COOK HOUSE in McCann's Camp on Lake Marie Road. Left to right: Mrs. Gable, Dode Bailey, Homer Bailey, Bailey boys? and Mrs. Bailey.

A Rough Trip Between Fall City And Tolt

F. P. Bennett and his son Ernest established a dairy business in 1912.

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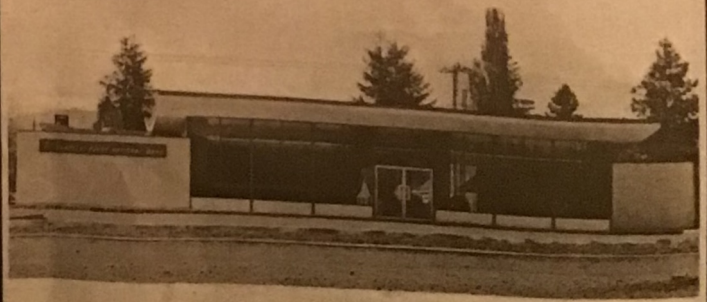

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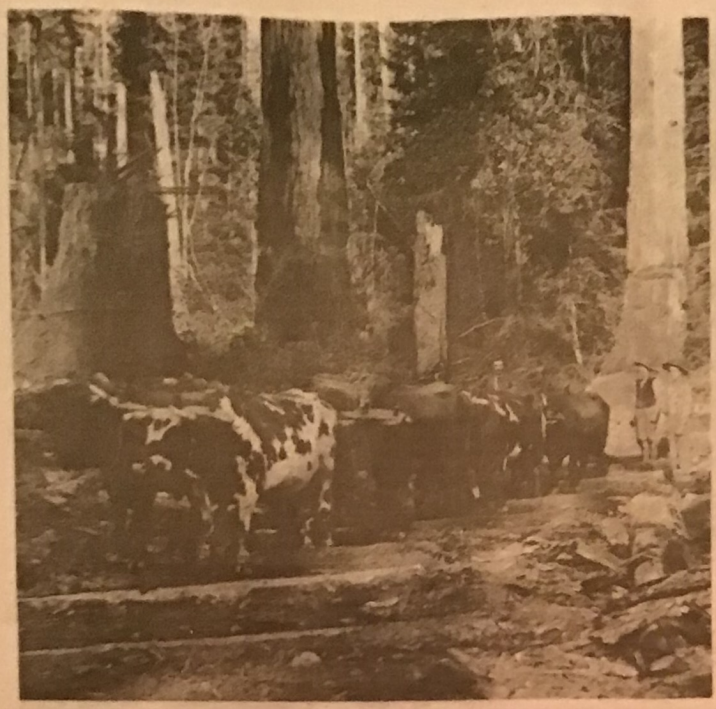
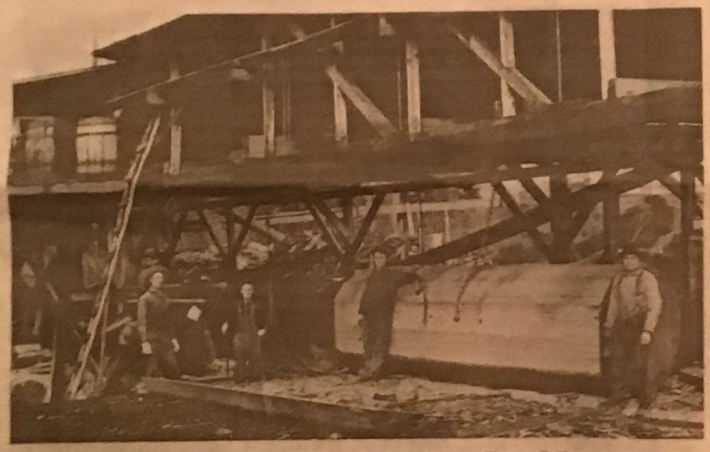


LOGGING on Plum's Farm with oxen.



FAY, Orin, Foster and Thad Partch work at the family mill near Patterson Creek.

Chief Sanawa and Other Indians Found 'Happy Hunting Ground'

The early settlers found a large population of Indians at the confluence of Raging River with the Snoqualmie. It was a convenient place to meet and trade.

The lodge of Chief Sanawa occupied the land where the first school was built and where the hop shed now stands.

As the earth was turned over for the first gardens the pioneers found bones, arrowheads, trade beads and many other artifacts.

Indians often left their dead on high platforms or in canoes in trees; sometimes the remains were placed inside of stumps along with the earthly possessions they might use in the "Happy Hunting Ground."

Early Logging Colorful Era

In a recent interview with the editor of the Valley Record, Emil Getschmann recalled the early days of logging. It was a rough, tough but colorful era.

"Trees ran to size", he told us. "I remember one that measured 15 feet, 7 inches in diameter". Loggers worked 8 to 10 hours a day and working conditions were hardly ideal. "Man was nothing more than an animal. When someone got killed, more than likely he would be dragged off to the side until quitting time", said Getschmann. Men drifted from camp to camp often staying only a few weeks.

The bosses were known by some colorful names such at "Few Clothes Swanson" and "Baloney Bill Ironguard."

It was this type of burial a crew of loggers found as they cleared the land where the Colonial Inn stands today. Inside the skull were 14 spendable half dollar pieces and the money was promptly spent at the newest saloon. (You may still buy a beer at the same location, now Talk's Tavern.)

Fire Destroyed Tokul Creek Mill In 1893

There was a Rutherford-McKenzie-Thomas logging operation in the year of 1893, according to a note in the diary of Davis Rutherford. Philo had a mill on Tokul Creek and lost it in a fire.

The old homestead, where Prudence Rutherford lived was purchased by the Robert Hamerlys, Mrs. Hamerly (Patricia) is the granddaughter of Daniel and Laura McKenzie.

Indians Admire White Baby

In the early 1870's a young couple named Jenikes came by river to the Fall City area. They had a baby daughter. It was the first white child the local Indians had ever seen. They pointed at the child and said "Minnie Minne" (meaning tiny). The little girl grew up as "Minnie"; in time, her real name was forgotten. She married a man named Qualley and a few of the older residents still remember the Qualley family, whose farm was located just west of the Rutherford Slough.

LOG SAWING CONTEST July 4th, 1913, won by William F. Cook.

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1908 LOGGING on Patterson Creek.

Valley Life Began for Many With Nancy Moore's Delivery Service

Nancy Moore was a woman of strength, courage and energy, she had to be, she was a pioneer wife and mother.

The Moores, Nancy and Hance, developed a fine dairy ranch on their acreage below Fall City. For several years, Nancy churned, molded and wrapped for market, 300 pounds of butter a week, using sheer muscle power.

She was busy with her home and children and all the countless chores on a pioneer homestead. She nursed the sick and was the number one midwife.

There are many people living in the Valley today that were delivered by Nancy.

She used whatever transportation most practical at the moment. When Albert Moore was born, she arrived at their home by canoe.

Nancy was resourceful. That baby boy at the neighboring Stickney ranch was unable to eat and was slowly starving to death. The old fashioned catnip tea she brewed was the perfect formula and the little one thrived. That baby, Curtis Stickney is an Issaquah resident.

The Energetic Life Of One Charles Moore

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore arrived in 1910.

Mr. Moore went to work for Andrew McCann cutting shingle bolts. Charlie loved to play the fiddle and was much in demand to play for the country dances.

Never one to be idle, one year when he was temporarily out of work he walked for six days (200 miles) to labor in Eastern Washington fields as a harvest hand.

DR. LANSING - 1889.

The Discovery Of The Middle Fork 'Snoqualmie Health Spa'

Daniel Murdock McKenzie came to the Valley from Nova Scotia in the 1880's. He married Laura Goldmeyer, whose family was already established in Fall City. William Goldmeyer (Laura's father) discovered the hot springs on the Middle Fork of the Snoqualmie. The springs have been used as a health spa since pioneer days when the waters were said to cure the "rheumatiz."

Daniel and Laura moved onto land that was a part of the original holdings of the Kihn family, known at the time of their purchase as the "Renton place." It was still heavily timbered and Mr. McKenzie logged it using a team of oxen.

Farqueharson, first child of Dan and Laura, was still a very small boy. One day he coaxed his mother to "come out and see the pretty cat." Kitty turned out to be a fair-sized cougar.

When the land was cleared Mr. McKenzie went to dairy farming. He was active in community affairs and supervised early flood control projects as an employee of the county.

Of the three McKenzie boys, Kenneth, Daniel and Farqueharson, only Farqueharson is still living.

Ida- (Mrs. Maurice Bouhey) was the first of the children to be born on the ranch. She and her husband live just across the river from the old home place (now Campbell property). Helen and Jessie live in Everett and Lottie is in Renton.

Of the pioneer Goldmeyer family, two sisters of Laura still survive: Rhoda and Myrtle.

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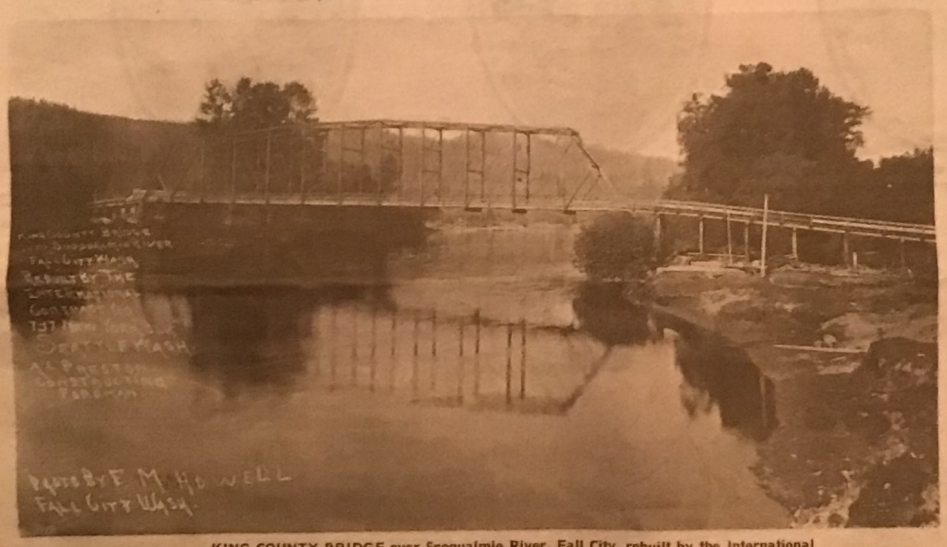
OLD CABLE FERRY in service before bridge was built over the Snoqualmie River at Fall City. Across the river, left to right, Dr. Baker's office, team in front; Mr. Borst's house, built first for the Berrys; Restaurant Store-Hotel, with dance hall above store; saloon, Stark's Store and post office in the same building.



KING COUNTY BRIDGE over Snoqualmie River, Fall City, rebuilt by the International Contract Co., 737 New York "Blk", Seattle, Wash. A. L. Preston, construction foreman.

Indian Doc Medicine Man Settlers' Friend

"I remember Indian Doc," said Mrs. Artie Kelley. He was reported to be 120 years old at the time of his death and I believe he was. He was a strange, wizened little man who clung to his own way of life. His home was a little cabin at the mouth of Raging River.

"The shingle weavers from nearby McCann's Mill were very good to him. They took him food and when his cabin burned down, built him a new one. They also provided him with a stove. He would have none of it and continued to do his cooking from an open fire pit in the middle of the room.

"Indian Doc was not always sociable. As school children, we sometimes shared a picnic lunch with him. He would accept the hand outs and tell us to "Kaltawa" (git).

"He walked into town regularly and was always fully dressed except for shoes, which he never wore. A small dog was his constant companion. He would sit on the steps of the Fall City hotel and wait for Mrs. Ronnei to bring him a plate of food and a morsel for the dog.

"A bottle of soda pop was a great treat for Doc but he hated liquor and never touched it.

"He made the rounds of other Indian homes in the area and visited each of them frequently.

"One day the shingleweavers found him very ill. They took him to Pete and Susie Tom. His friends refused him shelter because of the fear and superstition Indians had of a death in their home. The men left him with the Toms in spite of their protests. While still very weak but seemingly on the mend, he tried to get home. He would cling to a telephone pole along the route, squat down beside it to rest awhile and then stagger to the next pole. Boone Hayes hitched up his dray wagon and took him the rest of the way.

"The old Indian died in 1907, probably from a heart attack. His body had fallen into the fire pit and was partially burned. The neighbors took charge. Rube Smith fashioned a coffin and Mr. Kirkpatric provided a sled to carry the body to the Fall City Cemetery."

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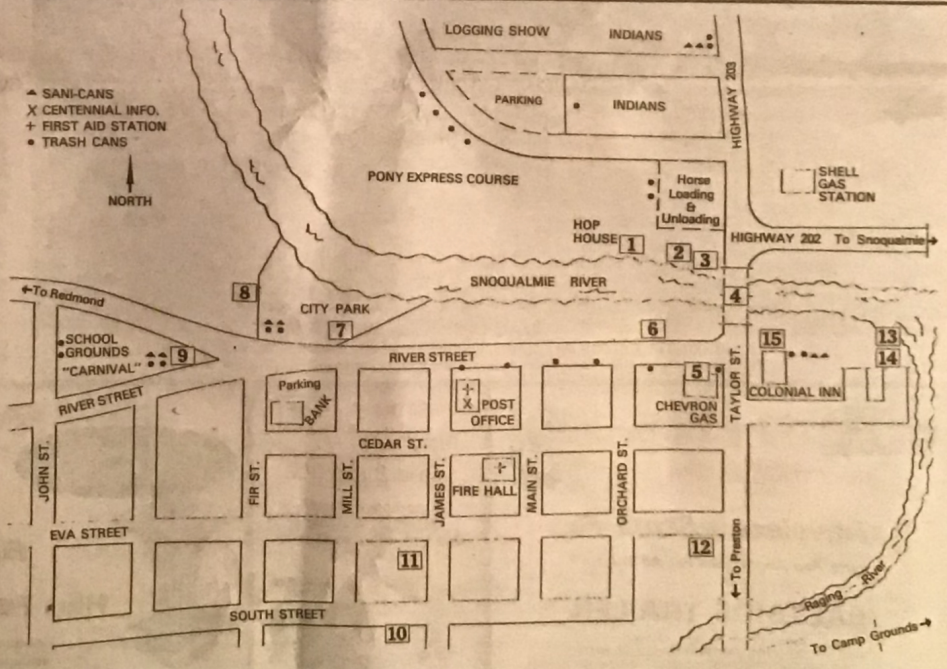

HISTORICAL SITES

1. Hop House
2. Indian Chiefs Council Lodge
3. First School House
4. Ferry Crossing
5. Trading Post
6. Indian Burial Grounds
7. Saw Mill
8. Indian Camp Grounds
9. 5th School House
10. One of Oldest Houses
11. 3rd & 4th School Houses
12. 2nd School House
13. Location of Shingle Mill
14. Location of Indian Doc's House
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8:00 --	HAY RIDE	Gym (Outside)
9:00 - 12:00	TEEN DANCE	Gym

Saturday - June 17th

7:00 - 1:00	COWBOY BREAKFAST	School Grounds
10:00 --	CARNIVAL	School Grounds
	ALL CONCESSIONS	
11:00 -	GRAND PARADE	River Street
1:00 --	VIGILANTES	
	ART DISPLAY	Colonial Inn
	EXHIBITIONS - Motorcycle Stunts	School Grounds
	Sheriff Mounted Patrol	School Grounds
	Band - Drill Teams	School Grounds
	TOURS OF HISTORICAL LOCATIONS	
	INDIAN SALMON BAKE	Across River
2:00 --	SKY JUMPERS	Across River
	PONY EXPRESS RACE	Across River
2:30 --	GOODWILL - ANTIQUE SHOW	Gym
	SEATTLE MAGIC RING SHOW	Gym
	SHORT RESUME' OF FALL CITY	Gym
	DANCING EXHIBITION	Gym
3:00 --	FIREMEN'S WATER FIGHTS No. 1 RIVER BANK BY COLONIAL INN	
7:00 --	OLD FASHION DRESS SHOW & JUDGING	Gym
9:00 - 1:30	ADULT DANCE - BEARD JUDGING, INTERMISSION	Gym

Sunday - June 18th

11:00 --	INTERCLUB PLAYDAY	Arena
	CARNIVAL	School Grounds
	ALL CONCESSIONS	
12:00 - 1:00	KIDDIES' PARADE	River Street
1:00 --	LOGGING SHOW	Across River
	INDIAN SALMON & OYSTER BAKE	Across River
2:00 --	FIREMEN'S WATER FIGHTS No. 2 RIVER BANK BY COLONIAL INN	
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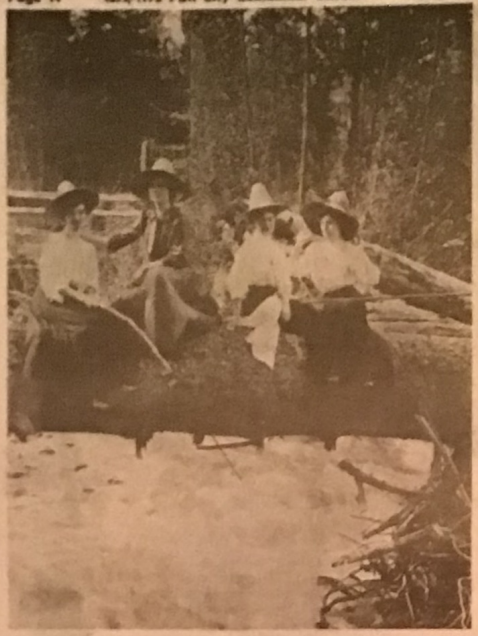

1905 - A day at the old fishing hole. The Hanson daughters, left to right, Mae, Eva, Blanche and Clara.

1903 BASEBALL TEAM - Standing, left to right, George Rutherford, Dan Hayse, Unknown, Earl Totten, Bob Hailstone, Bill Crable, Thad Parch, Oliver Dunstan. Sitting, left to right, Ralph Totten, unknown and another unknown.

1879 4th of July Celebration; Tubs and Tubs of Food

From an interview with Olive Taylor Quigley by Elva Polley in 1959.

"They had a picnic among the big trees at the spot where the Albert Moore house was.

"I can never forget those tables and the tubs and tubs of food brought by the families.

"As I remember them the tables seemed 6 feet high though of course they weren't, probably just somewhat higher than the ones I was accustomed to.

"I particularly remember Grandma Rutherford. Philo brought her down in a oxen drawn sled from Snoqualmie. She brought a long wooden tub filled with blackberry pies.

"I remember how worried she was because 'the long rough trip' might have ruined the pies.

"My mother prevailed upon her to take the pies out of the tub and use them anyway.

"Much to her surprise they were not in a mess as she had feared. They were delicious for Grandma Rutherford was a good cook.

"People came from all over the Valley but even then there wasn't a great crowd. Eva and Bud, children of Jerry Borst, sang some songs. Eva wore a lovely white dress.

"I was too young to remember much in detail but everyone was so happy and there was so much food. At the time we were living on the land that became the bulb farm about 1930."

The Hans Nelsons Seek A Country Life

Mr. and Mrs Hans Nelson left Seattle for a life in the country in 1906. They bought one of the oldest established farms in the area, the former David Thomas place.

A son, Walt, and his wife still live on a portion of this land on the hillside overlooking Snoqualmie Falls Golf Course.

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1906 HORSE RACING in Fall City.

1903 DEER HUNTING near Ames Lake in a stand of virgin timber that extended from the Patterson Creek Road to the Snoqualmie River. Hunters were Ben Moore, (with dog, Jerry), Albert Moore beside deer. Brook and Walter Carmichael. Albert Moore's dog was named Sandy.

From The Memories Of Olive Taylor Quigley

I'm one of the few people who knew Indian Doc. In those years his father was still alive but he was very old and blind. Doc carried him around on his back.

Fall City was a campground for covered wagons. The trip through the mountains was killing and when the settlers arrived they were often sick or injured. The weary families camped beside the river to wash and mend equipment and clothes.

"Pioneering looks romantic now" said Mrs. Quigley, "but it wasn't to the pioneers."

"My uncle Jim Taylor used to go away for weeks at a time prospecting. He would hire Indian Doc to guard his potato patch.

We used oxen to farm, there were not many horses. Some of the settlers raised hogs and fed them on fish though buyers complained about the taste of the meat. The salmon in the river was so plentiful that the pioneers caught them by throwing in a 3 inch hook and pulling out what it struck.

The hogs acquired a taste for the salmon and began to do their own fishing. It was a common sight to see a pig jump into the river and catch a fish.

Parker Family Leave Their Home In Kansas

The L. M. Parker family left their home in Kansas to follow the emigrant trail in 1884. The Parkers and their three children, Mary, Oren and Lydia, transferred from covered wagon to steamer at San Francisco and proceeded to the Northwest.

They built a home on 160 acres of farmland on what is now close to the town of Fall City. It was the birthplace of ten more Parker children. Two of the daughters, Ruth Runkle and Dessie Baremore, still live here.

Death has claimed three of the other Parker girls who had lived nearly all of their lives in Fall City. They were Lena Johnson, Martha Fritts and Mary Smith.

William Wilder King Early Settler

William Wilder King, grandfather of the Parker children was one of this area's earliest settlers. He acquired one of the land grants that was then available to Civil War veterans and was the original owner of property later sold to the Totten family.

Mr. King had an unusual background. He never knew his real identity. A party of emigrants found him as they were traveling through Kansas, headed south. A wagon train stood abandoned, all hands apparently murdered or carried away by the Indians. Someone heard a baby cry and found one tiny survivor. A family with the name of King named him William Wilder and brought him up as their own.

The Man Who Kept The Wagons Rolling

The man who kept the covered wagons rolling, the horses shod and the logging and farm equipment in repair was the village blacksmith.

Rube Smith was probably the first to set up shop in Fall City. There were many.

Lee Murphy established his business alongside the river where the Taylor Memorial Park is today. It was a bad choice; an early flood carried most of it down the river. He salvaged what he could and rebuilt on the other side at the forks of the Fall City-Carnation road.

Ernest Panwitz was the next "smithy."

Pete Jorgensen brought the business back into town and located on the site later chosen by Lud Peterson for his garage.

LEFT TO RIGHT, Herb Smith and Phillip Bush.

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THE VALLEY HOTEL IN 1906 - The hotel was located on present site of Methodist Church. August Hanson is shown in white shirt sleeves, Mrs. Hanson and daughters on the balcony. The building was destroyed by fire in 1909.

An Interview With Walter Fuller

Walter Fuller was born in 1854. He lived to be 90 years old and spent many years in the Valley. Mrs. Carl Klaus interviewed him at his cabin in the wilderness near Mount Si in 1890.

"How did you locate this pretty spot," I asked, as we stood admiring the roses that he had so carefully tended.

"Easy enough," he smiled. "I took my field glasses and climbed Mount Si. From there I had a good view of the surrounding country, and this spot just filled the bill. So Charles Brockway and I set out with our packs."

"It was a risk for an old man," I ventured. "Tut," he laughed, "I am only 76 and young yet."

"Don't you get dreadfully lonesome," I said. "Lonesome," his keen bright blue eyes twinkled, "why," he said, "for three years after I came here no human being put in an appearance. But settlers are coming now. Lonely? No, there is too much for me to do here."

"The pesky rats chewed up my roll of money but I'll be alright anyway."

Forts Constructed In Snoqualmie Valley

In the winter of 1855-56 fifteen canoe loads of territorial volunteers with Indian guides and paddlers came to the Valley to build forts.

Under the direction of J. J. H. Van Bakkelen they built Fort Smalley in the Upper Valley, Fort Patterson below Fall City and Fort Tilton near the Falls.

None of the buildings were very large or impressive. Fort Tilton seemed to be the main one or "mother fort". It was intended to be primarily a storage place for supplies.

Three of the soldiers stationed at Fort Tilton climbed Mount Si: Pvt. Robert Smallman, James Entwistle and Frank Dolan. They were the first white men to scale its summit and plant the U.S. Flag on the top.

James Entwistle remained in the Valley to become the founder of Tolt (Carnation).

Meat Market

In 1906 the Snoqualmie and Raging Rivers were frozen over. Wes Richards (Fannie Brown's father) took advantage of the situation to chop and pack in sawdust a good supply of ice for his butcher shop.

WINTER SCENE in Fall City.

Indians Guide Tourists On Trip To Fall City Area

In the summer of 1865, Captain Clendenin organized a tourist excursion into the Valley. The guests, fourteen men and women included Mrs. Yesler and several other prominent citizens of early Seattle.

Fourteen Indians were hired to guide the party and paddle the three large canoes. One of the canoes was loaded with provisions. Camping equipment included two huge tents, one for the ladies and one for the men.

Along the river bank they passed deserted Indian ranches and noted the rich, agricultural land. Above the Falls, on Rangers Prairie, a few settlers were making a living by exporting ham, bacon and lard.

The tourists met and enjoyed the hospitality of Jerry Borst and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fares. (Lucinda Fares was, at that time, the only white woman in the Valley.)

The party hiked through timber and thick brush to the base of a cliff where they viewed the falls in a pouring rain.

Nearby Fort Tilton provided a haven for the night. An enclosure was built in the corner of one room where the ladies could change clothes, and wet bonnets, shawls and petticoats were draped in front of the fireplace to dry.

Indian War Of 1855

The King County Indian War began with the massacre at White River on Oct. 28, 1855. Almost the entire population banded together at Seattle.

The Indians might have captured the town, had it not been for the guns aboard the Decatur and the howitzer at the southern end of the peninsula.

Women and children were removed from the blockhouse and other places of refuge and cared for on the Decatur and another ship called the Brontes.

Except for a few places at Alki Point, there was not a house in King County that wasn't burned or plundered.

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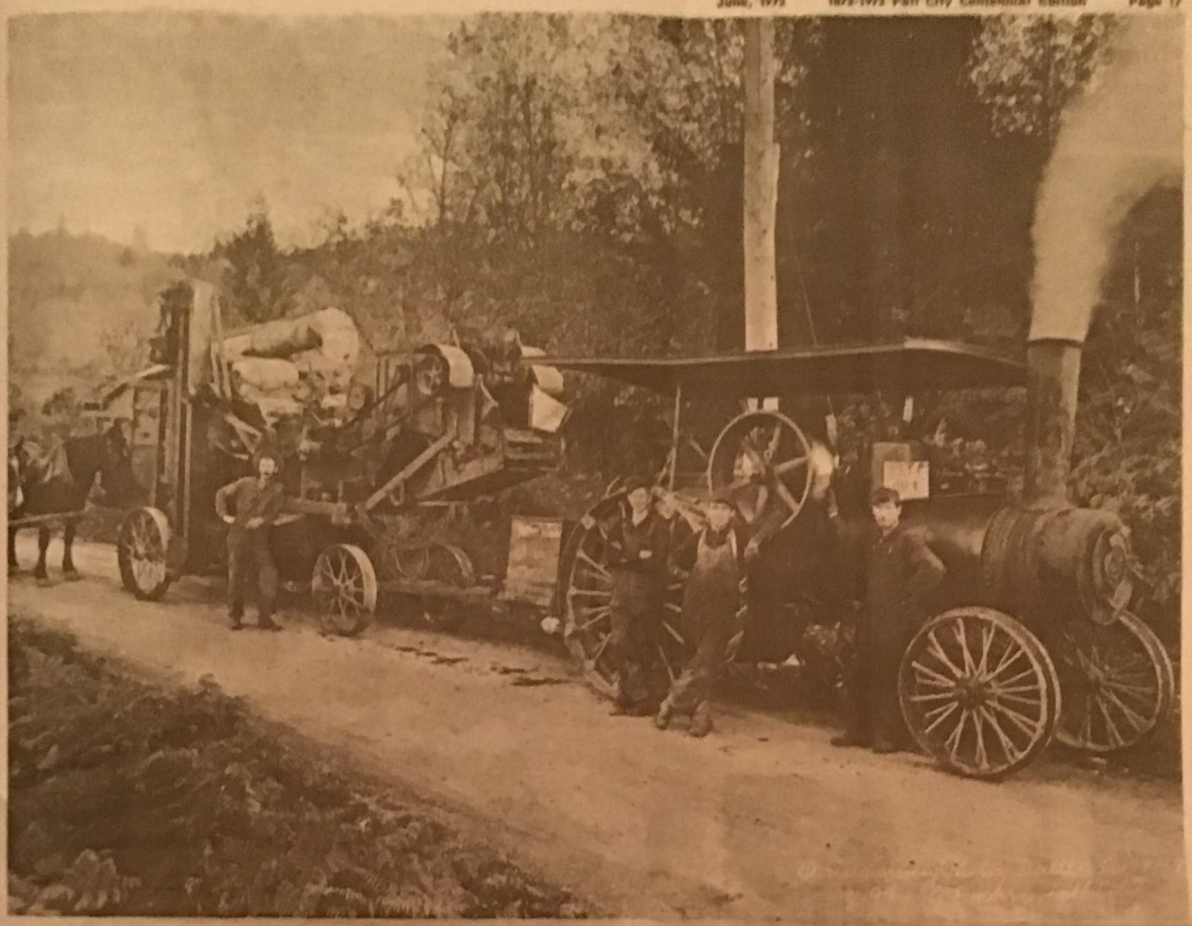

BEN MOORE and crew harvested crops for Valley farmers.

BEN MOORE LEADER IN FARM MODERNIZATION

Ben Moore and his wife Jessie (Prescott Moore) continued to work and improve the dairy farm carved out of the wilderness by his father Hance in the early '70s.

Ben believed in modernizing and always had the best equipment possible. He brought the first steam threshing machine to the Valley.

Ben had a way with animals and was on call day and night to help his friends and neighbors doctor a sick cow or horse.

Two daughters of Moores still live in Fall City. Norma (Mrs. Gordon Ransom), on the original farm, and Hazel (Mrs. Stuart Barbeau), in town.

FIRST WHITE COUPLE MARRIED IN VALLEY

Nancy Ann Morris and Hance Moore were the first white couple to marry in Fall City.

The ceremony was performed by justice of the peace Rufus Stearns at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Taylor in the year 1876.

A small guest at the wedding was Olive Taylor (Quigley), first white child to be born in the village.

A BAG OF NINE COUGARS

In 1915 Ben and Albert Moore made a four day Cougar hunting trip to the headwaters of Tokul Creek. They were highly successful.

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Dr. Cheney Served Fall City On Horseback And Later By Auto

Doctor Cheney arrived with his small son Walter in 1905.

In the early days Doc rented a rig from the livery stable to make his calls. For traveling over rough territory he used a saddle horse. When he went to Preston he would lead the horse over a high railroad trestle, fortunately he never met a train. He confessed that he really hadn't decided what to do if that happened.

DOCTOR AND MRS. CHENEY

The doctor eventually bought his own team, the horses came from Eastern Washington and were pretty wild cayuses. They often ran away and Doc and his little black dog would take after them in hot pursuit.

In 1953, 450 of the babies Doc brought into the world and former patients gathered together and held a reception at the Masonic hall to honor the good doctor for his several decades of service to the people of this community.

The Winter Of 1916 Was Cold

The winter of 1916 was most severe. Ponds and lakes froze to a depth of six inches. The mill shut down and all logging operations ceased.

It snowed steadily for three days and three nights, the wild animals forgot their fear of man as they sought comfort and food.

The farmers converted wagons to sleds and the blacksmith worked overtime.

ONE-WAY traffic over Snoqualmie Pass in 1927.

1927 - ICE SKATING on Snoqualmie River.

Across The Pass in 1907

In 1907 a White Steamer coughed, gasped, and drew a last breath a few miles east of North Bend.

Some folks said it couldn't be done, but the steamer negotiated the old wagon road and became the first modern automobile to travel over the pass.

The Tarr Family Arrive in 1901

Reuben and Annie Tarr with their sons, Frank and Steve, moved to the Valley in 1901. Two more children were born on the farm, Annie Ruth and Landon.

For a time the only means of transportation to the property on the left bank of the Snoqualmie was a row boat. Eventually a small cable ferry was installed. It served until the cable bridge was built in 1915.

First Road

The first road between Rangers Prairie, (Snoqualmie) and Fall City was financed by the settlers. J. W. Borst, Josiah Merritt, (Uncle Si, for whom the mountain was named), James Kimbel, Mr. Kellog, Steve Collins and Joe Faris shared the expense.

John Saners was the contractor and he started the project in 1865.

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MOTORING in the days of dusters and goggles

1908 - Fall City welcomes the Fleet on visit to Valley.

In 1917 Came A War Bonds Call

Fall City men went off to war in 1917 and the folks at home bought Liberty Bonds encouraged by newspaper editorials such as this by Editor Walkup in the Valley Record.

"There can be no two opinions on the Liberty loan. Now that we are in the war our boys will go to Europe. You can not stop them. More and more will go until the decisive date. The stronger we are, the quicker the victory and the sooner the end of bloodshed. Every bond bought means a life saved."

It was during this era that the Duthie family amassed a fortune in the ship building business. They bought land near Fall City and developed a fabulous ranch that was later acquired by the Boeing family of Boeing Aircraft Corporation.

Constable James Payne And The Burning Beard

James Payne arrived in Fall City before 1890. He was one of the first constables in town and was well liked for his interest in the welfare of the community.

Artie Kelley recalls that he was also something of a "cut up." "There was a Christmas party at the church," she told us. "The tree was the old-fashioned kind, decorated with lighted candles. Jim was the Santa Claus that year and as he was clowning around, he got too close to the tree and caught his beard on fire. He had to tear it off, of course, and all the little kids yelled, 'Hey, that's not Santa, that's Uncle Jim.'"

The County Backs A Do-It-Yourself Bridge

It was still a long ways to town for the farmers who lived east of Fall City near the Falls.

The county agreed to supply material and a minimal amount of help to build another bridge if the farmers who stood to benefit most would supply the labor.

A. V. Howe and R. C. Tarr agreed readily. The end result was a unique structure that served the community for many years.

The bridge was completed in 1915. In the late 40's it was deemed unsafe for automobile traffic but continued to serve as a pedestrian crossing for a few more years.

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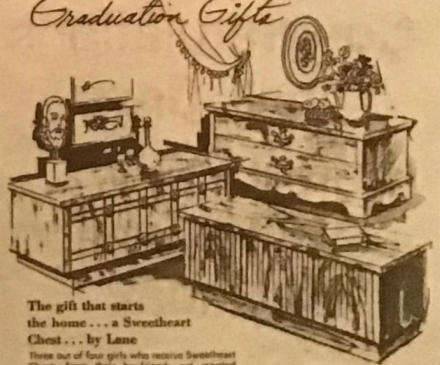

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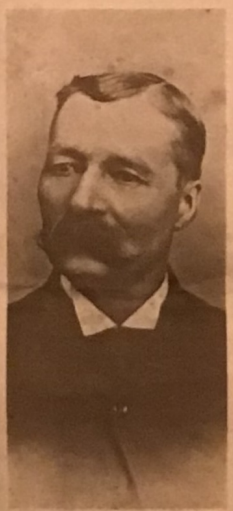
The last of these old trees was destroyed in 1955 when the Peterson brothers, owners of the Model Garage, enlarged their parking strip and installed two new 2,000 gallon gas tanks.

First Dressmaker

Mrs. Eugenia E. Totten was the first dressmaker in town. Her services were much in demand by the brides of the era; she made lovely gowns with every stitch hand-sewn.

Mrs. Totten was the daughter of a man named Major. Perhaps he never lived in Fall City but still he had an important part in its building. He was a surveyor and laid out some of the plots of land for the early farms and businesses. He used "the links and chains" measure — 7.92 inches made a link and it took 100 links to make a chain (66 feet).



JIM TAYLOR, uncle of W. H. Taylor and one of the founders of Fall City, came with the Boham brothers.

The Early Day Canoe Trips And Investigating the River Bottom

"My first experience in canoeing was to investigate the bottom of the river. I did not investigate the bottom of the river for scientific purposes, nor for pleasure, as the water is too cold at all times for comfort.

"For the first few years after coming here I was in a canoe almost continuously-except when I was out of it. I knew what the bottom was like a hundred places as this was the only mode of travel at that time. I became an expert and before canoeing was done away with there were few Indians on the river who could beat me at it.

"Settlers would usually employ an Indian crew to go to Snohomish for supplies, the round trip taking four or five days. We had to pay each Indian $5.00 for the trip and board him. We always took a kettle, coffee pot and frying pan along to cook in and built our camp fire under great cedar trees whenever night overtook us. Some times three or four white men would take a canoe and endeavor to save money by making the trip themselves. They seldom tried it more than once as they nearly always met with disaster. I have known of many cases, where after days of toil and hardships and when almost at their journey's end, in trying to get over some bad rapids the canoe would get caught by the current, turn around and break in two, or turn over and lose everthing in the river.

"The men got out of the stream as best they could and crawled up the river bank to find themselves in dense undergrowth. There was no trail and each man had to make his own way home."

—W. H. Taylor

Oxen Slow But Steady; Fast Autos Distressed Taylor

Pioneer W. H. Taylor was alarmed by the speeding autos of the '30s. He commented, "I would like to say something in favor of the slow and sane drivers.

"For ten years I drove an ox team with sled between the Snoqualmie Prairie and Fall City on a one-way road. The visibility at times was about ten feet as we rounded a big tree. If one rig met another, there was no collision. We just stopped, filled our pipes, took a smoke and looked around to figure the best way to get by. Then we would take our axes and cut a way out.

"There were no big board signs reading 'Curve ahead', there were no headlights or tail lights, no licenses and no brakes. Our average speed was about two miles an hour but we got there just the same."

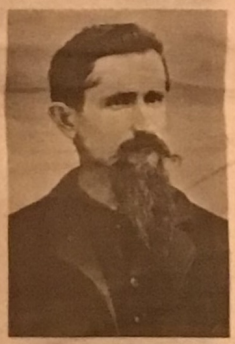
Mr. Taylor compared the Depression to the "old days" and considered modern folks a little soft.

"We had potatoes, rutabagas, bacon and parched peas for coffee. Occasionally we could get flour, then we could make flour gravy. We had no beef and no sugar.

"The first thing a settler did was to dig a hole in the woods, plant a garden and build a shack. After about three years a man could clear enough land to grow hay and might get a cow. It was fine to be able to have milk and butter.

"Today people say you must have calories in your food. We early settlers knew what skunk cabbage was, but wouldn't have known a calorie if we met it face to face. We were as strong and healthy as if we were filled with calories up to our necks.

"The necessities of life need cost but little. The desire for luxuries can break the world."



DAVID NELSON TAYLOR, Uncle of W. H. Taylor, arrived Fall City in 1872.

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THE CARMICHAEL FAMILY - Bessie (mother), Orville, Cleota, Richard (baby), Hume and Walt (father).

The Chisholm's Homesteaded Land Near Lake Marie On Thirty-Six Acres Of Timber

Mr. and Mrs. Alec Chisholm came to Fall City in 1908. James Chisholm, or "Jimmy" as he was called, joined them two years later. They settled on 36 acres of partially logged land near Lake Marie.

James and his wife Lulan built a permanent home in the area and raised their children there. Son Jack (who helped assemble many of these old pictures) said, "There weren't too many people around when we were growing up, but I remember a couple of bachelors lived up there in the hills".

Alec and his wife, Eva, with their three small boys moved closer to Town.

For a while Alec was in partnership with Hans Nelson on his farm and sometime later worked with Jack Bush.

Mrs. Alec Chisholm is "Aunt Eve" to just about everyone. She is living in nearby Spring Glen, next door to her nephew Jack and family and is now in her late nineties. She also has a son, Bruce, living in Fall City.

County Commissioners Discuss Bridges

In May of 1916, A. L. Rutherford, a former county commissioner, in a speech before King County V.I.P.'s, spoke of Alexander Allen, one of the first county commissioners.

Under Mr. Allen's direction, the bridge across the Snoqualmie River at Fall City was erected in 1888. At that time it was one of the longest spans in the county.

Early Motoring

Newt Harshman owned one of the first automobiles in town. No one seems to remember the make but it was a 1906 model. He used to tell his friends that he could gauge rate of speed by the condition of his beard. It always parted at 17 miles per hour.

Newcomers To City And School System Advances

Newcomers to Fall City in 1915 were Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Adams, (parents of Mrs. Orley Krogh). Mr. Adams was deeply interested in civic affairs and served as president of the Community Club for several terms.

In 1914 the Fall City school was full and running over. The third and fourth grades were housed in the lower floor of the Masonic Hall and Miss Bessie Carmichael was the teacher in charge.

In 1915 the new brick school house was completed and there was lots of room for the 127 grade schoolers and 20 high school students. Mr. F. H. Bailey was the principal and Anna E. Strase, his assistant. The building contained a library with 500 books.

FIFTY—FOUR MILES OF PAVED ROADS IN 1916

By 1916 King County had 54.71 miles of paved highway, 1,057.08 miles of gravel roads, and 376.01 miles of what was described as "Earth" roads.

The Carmichaels Arrive From Lone Star State

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carmichael came to Fall City from Texas in 1892. There were ten children: Walter, Louis, John, Frank, Brooke, James, Hallie, Grace, Fanny and Bessie.

They homesteaded property that is now a part of the Boeing farm. Except for a five year residence in Montana, the Carmichaels have stayed in the Fall City area. Many of their descendants are still here.

Bessie Hume Arrives In 1903

Bessie Hume, who was to become the bride of Walter Carmichael, joined two of her brothers in Fall City in 1903.

Her mother and the rest of her brothers came here in 1919.

PIONEER DRUG STORE DESTROYED BY FIRE

1955 was the year Doc Cheney's Drug Store burned down. It had been a landmark in Fall City since 1905.

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FRANK BAXTER and wife, Anna, and family.

THE BAXTER FAMILY with baby Bill in mother's arms.

Baxter Family Arrives From Ohio in 1875

Eber Herman Baxter and his wife Sarah left Ohio to join an emigrant train west in 1875. Their children numbered four: Orin, Frank, Emma and Bill Hill.

Mrs. Baxter's first husband died in the battle of Bull Run and Bill was the child of that marriage.

In the course of the westward trek, Mr. Baxter, who was known as a hot-tempered man, disagreed with the management of the train. He and another man pulled their two wagons away from the group and decided to go it alone. The decision saved their lives. Hostile Indians annihilated the rest of the wagon train.

Traveling through Wyoming Indians in war paint surrounded them. The families were not molested. The reason was probably Frank and Emma. The Indians were fascinated with the bright blonde hair on the two children. They indicated they would bring horses to make a trade.

Soon after the Indians left a Cavalry troop came along and provided safe escort to the nearest fort.

It must have been a great day when they all arrived safely in Fall City on the first of September in 1875.

Eber Baxter proved to be one of the hardiest of pioneers, he lived to be 104.

FARMING WITH OXEN on the Baxters' homestead.

Lower Valley Hop Fields

In 1882 hop growers in the Puyallup Valley were getting a dollar a pound and the Prairie was planted in hops, making it the largest hop ranch in the world. Many farmers planted hops in the Valley and Philo and Davis formed a company known at the Rutherford Brothers Hop Growers. Their hop fields reached from a half a mile east upstream from Fall City on the north bank and to the west facing the townsite. The first hophouse (dry kiln and baling room) was fifty feet from the east approach of the present bridge (no bridge then). Later Davis built a larger kiln farther east, about where the Ed Haynes home is today.

The harvesting was done by Indians from Yakima and Skykomish Valley. The Yakimas came by horseback and the Skykomish came in their "Salt Chuck" canoes. Situated about in the center of this large field was the "long house," large enough to hold all the pickers.

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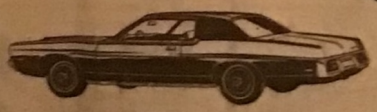

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AN EARLY PICTURE of Rutherford home with Sarah Elizabeth ('Sade') on porch. Daughter Olive hung onto horse that had a tendency to run away.

LONNIE ADAIR, Millard Howe and Davis Rutherford (head in window) found lake fishing good at Calligan.

Constructed To Last Generations

By Maryln H. Everett

When Davis Rutherford finished the homestead house, lapped cedar siding was all planed by hand. The trees were cut from the land and hauled to the Watson Allen Mill at the mouth of Tokul Creek. My grandmother said the pile of cedar shavings was as high as the house and lasted for kindling for years. She also said that since it was some time getting finished, you could "throw a cat out between the floor and the walls" before the inside was completed. There is today a cedar stump about seven or eight feet across right under the middle of the living room. All of the main timbers used for the stringers are logs, hewn off flat on the top only, and the bark is still on them. There has never been any dry rot or termite activity and under the house it is as dry as tinder. The original fireplace was shale rock from the knoll that stood in the Thomas (Hans Nelson) farm. Those stones are in our walk around the house today, and many still keep turning up in the flower garden.

Mrs. Maryln Hunt Everett, her husband Travis and their son, Lawrence (fourth generation) and her sister (Harriet) Mrs. Leo Kruse, her husband and daughter Castle, extend a warm welcome to the remaining members of the "Rutherford Clan" to visit the old homestead.

OLIVE RUTHERFORD HUNT as a model in Ingrams Dept. Store in Seattle - 1915.

A. Rutherford Was An Early School Teacher

Almus Rutherford came from Ohio to Fall City in 1883. He lived for awhile with his mother Prudence and taught at the first school by the bridge.

In 1885 he built a small house north of Fall City on the east bank of the river and gave up teaching. He married Jessie Taylor in 1888 and they farmed land that was later known as the "Bergsma farm." They had four boys: Homer, Andrew Davis, Wallace Taylor and Marcus Whitman.

Wallace is still living and makes his home in Fall City.

John Rutherford came in 1884. He and his wife had six children, Roy, Charles, Dessie (Drake), John, Lulu (Titus) and Harley.

Roy and Lulu are still living and Lulu makes her home in Fall City.

John Rutherford Sr. was a cabinet maker and carpenter. He operated the first ferry service across the river on the present site of the bridge.

Besides daughters, Olive Elizabeth and Prudence Minnie, the Davis Rutherfords had three sons: Gaery Davis, Melville Cullen and George. None are living today.

LULU RUTHERFORD TITUS, about 1915.

Installed First Upright At McCann's Mill On Raging River

The Frank Howell family arrived in Fall City shortly after 1900.

Frank went to work for Andrew McCann at the old double block mill on Raging River. He installed the first upright at the original mill. McCann wanted to see if it performed as well as the manufacturers claimed.

When the mill burned down, McCann rebuilt and only uprights were used. When this mill too was destroyed by fire, Mr. McCann moved the business to Edgewick.

In 1909 Mr. Howell purchased equipment from one of the town's earliest photographers, Frank Humes and went into business. He mounted the small studio on wheels, hitched it to a team of horses, and photographed people and places in the surrounding countryside and other small towns.

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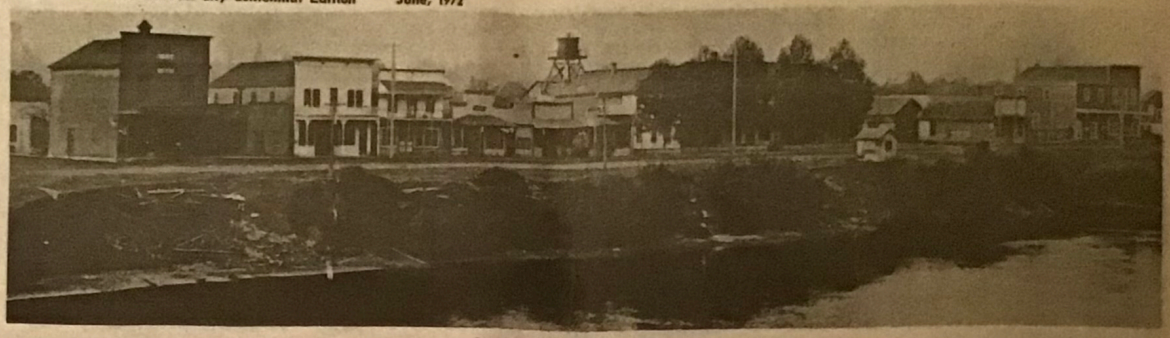

FALL CITY, approximately 1915.

Dooleys Come West

Gideon Dooley came west from Missouri around 1888. Within a couple of years he had selected some Fall City acres for a homestead and sent for his wife and four children. They came by train and settled on the property now known as Spring Hill Farm. Three more children were born on the homestead.

One of the Dooley girls married a man named Victor Hanson. They and their four children, Hilda, Charles, Robert and Albert lived on the property until 1918 when it was sold to a prominent Seattle man named Bowles.

The next owners were Mr. and Mrs. H. Crittenden who named the place Spring Hill Farm. Mrs. Crittenden told us of a day in the early 30's when Grandma Dooley came with some relatives and asked permission to picnic on the ranch. During the afternoon she came back to the house to sit by the fireside and visit. She talked about the great cedar that was cut down to build their pioneer home.

The tree was large enough to split into shakes and provide all the lumber for a four-room house with a lean-to kitchen.

Two of the Dooley grandsons still live in Fall City. Albert Hanson is a farmer; Robert is semi-retired. One of his last full time working projects was helping to develop the Snoqualmie Falls Golf Course.

Hilda and Charlie have both passed away. The flagpole at the Taylor Quigley Park was dedicated to Charlie in recognition of his tireless devotion to any project that made Fall City a little better place to live.

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Thanks ...

We would like to express our appreciation to the Snoqualmie Valley Historical Society for the loan of many of the photographs that appear in this edition.

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Howes Establish First Poultry Business

The John Howe family moved to Fall City from Vaughn in 1908. There were six children: Elsie, Arthur, Willard, Millard, Horty and Ray.

Mr. Howe established a large poultry business, the first enterprise of its kind in the area.

Arthur and Horty went into a farming partnership. Art remained on that farm all his life and was also the local insurance man.

Millard moved back to Vaughn, while Willard stayed at Fall City.

The youngest son Ray and his wife Esther operate a trailer court on the original homestead.

Elsie Howe Whitfield died in her early 20's leaving three children. A daughter, Irene (Mrs. Jack Chisholm), lives in Spring Glen.

SERVICE STATION

Tourists and home folks have been refueling their cars at the same corner lot (site of the Standard service station) since 1916 when Jesse Kelley converted "Hooky" Hamlin's livery stable into a garage.

Amel Larson and George Stober built a new service station and operated it together.

Pioneer Families

Cora Thomas was born on the David Thomas farm in 1874. She was probably the first white child born in the Valley. If a doctor attended that birth, it could have been Dr. Baker who came to Fall City in the 70's.

There was Alfred Raven whose family located here before the turn of the century. He will be remembered for his musical talent and all the many Sundays he directed the church choir. His widow Margie still lives on the home place next to the old Thomas farm.

Charles and Mary Stokes. Mrs. Stokes was the Town's first librarian.

There were the Ira Smiths, the Mit Prescotts, the Hollis Gowens and Mr. and Mrs. Gum Leach, all pioneer families.

In 1900 Charley Bonnell opened his general store on the lower floor of the old Odd Fellows Hall. His first sale was a plug of tobacco to John Larson. The Bonnells were active in community affairs, especially concerning education as were the Coppers and Drake families.

The John Alexander family spent their first night in Fall City at the old Taylor Hotel in the year 1900. Their first home was near Tokul Creek where Mr. Alexander worked at the Kihn Mill.

1905 saw the arrival of Harry E. Read, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver McCaffree, the William Lierleys Sr. and James McClintock, known as a "good shingle bolt man." In 1912 he was married to Lela Oules, descendant of the pioneer Taylor family.

CORA THOMAS

In Conclusion .....

We hope you have enjoyed this Centennial issue of the Snoqualmie Valley Record. We make no claims of "absolute accuracy." Some of the text came from old publications of various types; most came from the Old Timers themselves and wherever possible, in their own words.

Some families save everything from christening papers to obituaries. They leave tracks in the sands of time that are easily pursued, so we have a lot of information about some of our pioneers. Others live out their lives so quietly, all memory of their existence has faded into a past known only to God.

We salute them all, the known and the unknown for the part they played in taming the wilderness of the Snoqualmie Valley.

Brief History Of
Telephone Service In Fall City

After 1900 telephone service was started between Mr. Newt Harshman's Law Office and his mill.

1932 - Mr. and Mrs. George Satterlee became owners.

1947 - Now a Company of 265 subscribers and was purchased by Mr. Lamar Gaines and Mr. Earl Southworth.

1950 - Went from a Manual Office to a Dial Office.

1969 - A Company of 1026 subscribers was purchased by Telephone Utilities, Inc. of Ilwaco, Washington.

1971 - Merged with the Cascade Telephone Company of North Bend, owned by Telephone Utilities, Inc. of Ilwaco, Washington.

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